REALLY?

SHE LIKED THEM?

WELL... RELATIVELY MORE THAN THE RICE CAKE.

...SHE AT LEAST SMELLED THEM.

THAT'S PERFECT. I BROUGHT A NEW KIND OF FLOWERS TODAY.

HUH?

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR BOOK?

LET ME SEE.

IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE

OH...

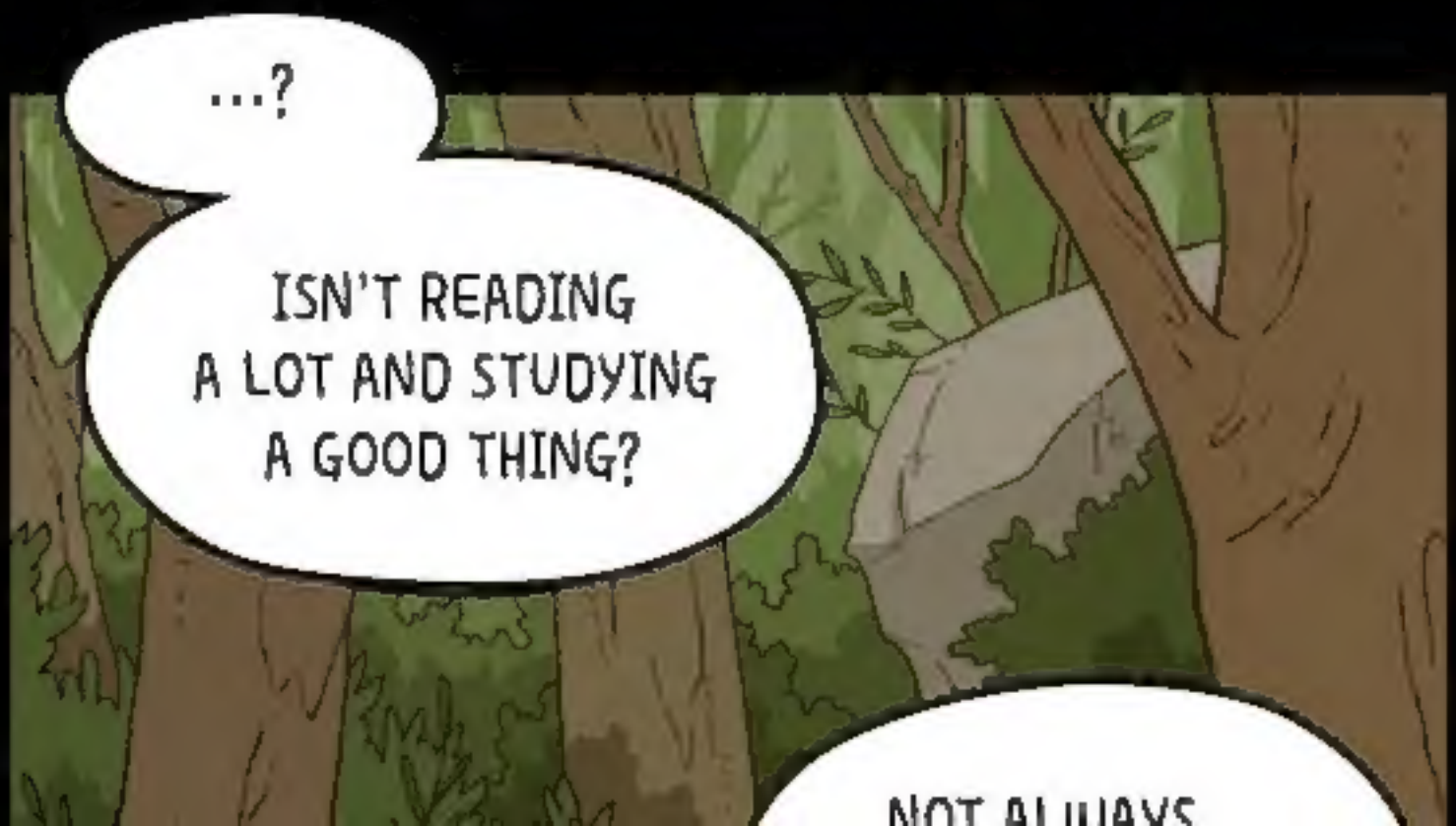
LIKE SOMEONE INTENTIONALLY RIPPED IT.

ARE YOU BEING BULLIED BY OTHER HUMANS?

SHOULD
I GO TEACH THEM
A LESSON?

...I BROUGHT
THIS ONTO
MYSELF.

MUST
HAVE COME OFF
AS SNOBBY.


...?
ISN'T READING
A LOT AND STUDYING
A GOOD THING?

NOT ALWAYS...
DEPENDS ON WHO'S
DOING THE READING
AND STUDYING.

...WHAT?

HUMANS
HAVE SUCH
A RULE.

A RULE...
IT'S HARD TO UNDERSTAND.
STEP

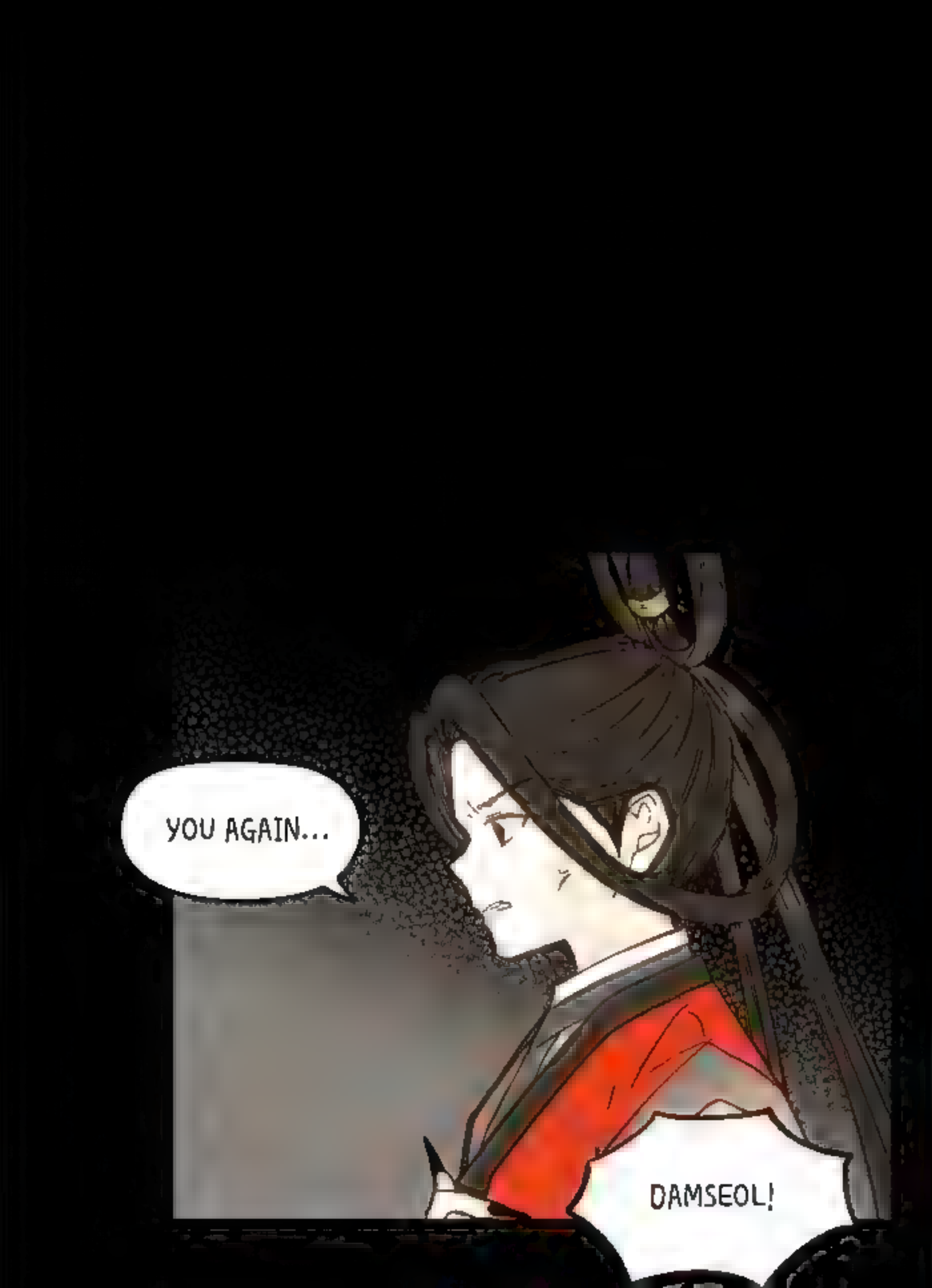
YEAH,
IT'S COMPLICATED.

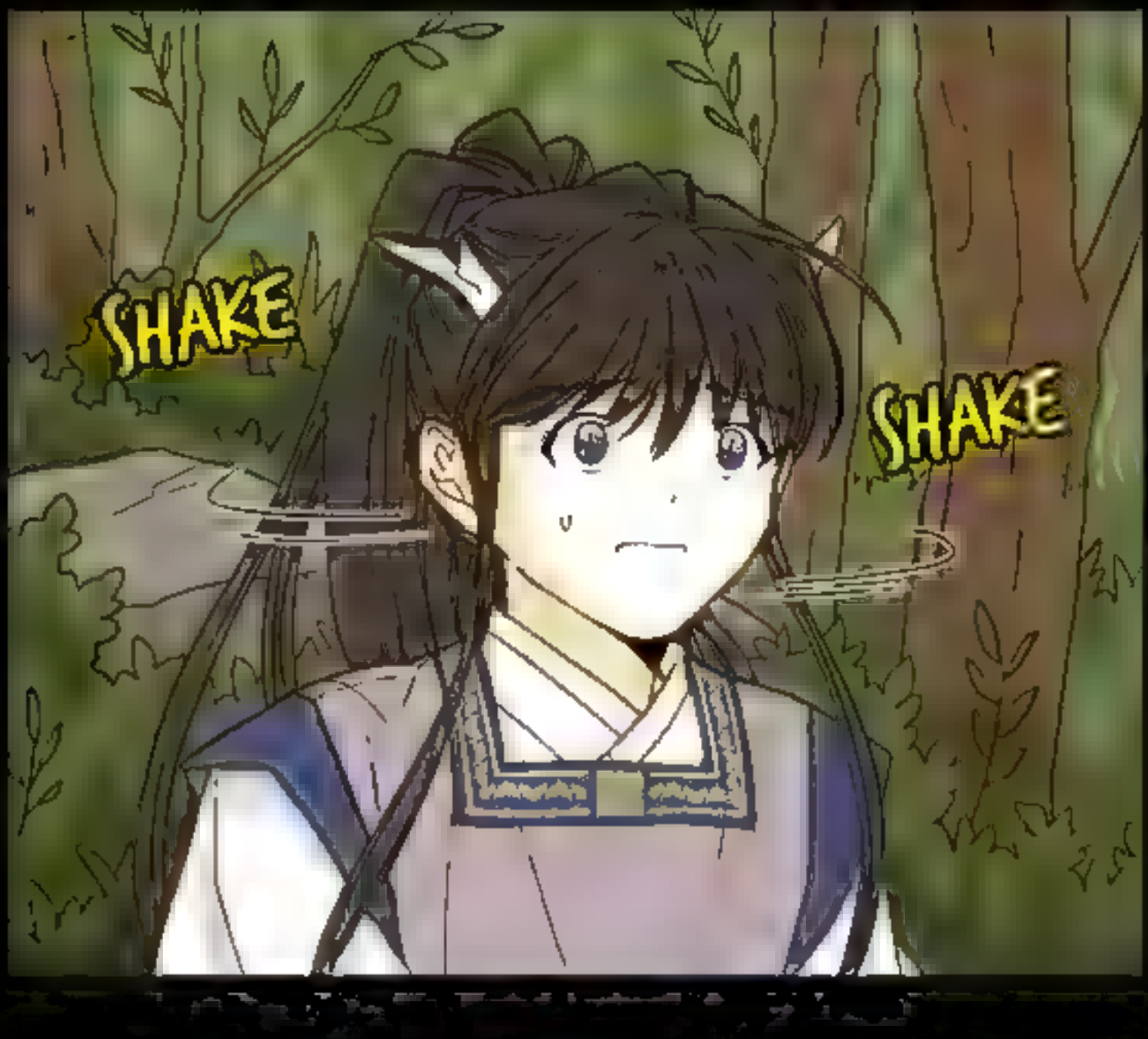
HAHA

AH!

DAMSEOL.

OH...
HELLO.


YOU AGAIN...
DAMSEOL!


SHAKE
SHAKE

HOW
TO BECOME

A DRAGON

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SO...
YOU SAID ONCE
YOU BECOME A DRAGON,
YOU GET TO RULE
A RIVER.

IS THAT LIKE
A COUNTY GOVERNOR
OR A DISTRICT GOVERNOR
IN THE HUMAN
WORLD?

* THE CHINESE LETTER WRITTEN ON THE GROUND MEANS DRAGON.

UHM...
I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT THOSE ARE...

BUT YOU HAVE TO RULE OVER EVERY LIVING ORGANISM IN THE RIVER!

HMM...

IT SAID
IN THE BOOK
ONLY THE ONE WITH
THE HIGHEST MORALITY
SHOULD RULE...

...BECAUSE IF NOT,
IT WOULD DO NOTHING
BUT HARM TO ITS
SUBJECTS.

I'M SURE YOU WILL DO A GOOD JOB, BARI.

HEHE!

...

DIDN'T IT ALSO SAY A COMPASSIONATE RULER IS ILL-EQUIPPED TO CONDUCT GOOD POLITICS?

THAT TRYING TO MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY WAS NEVER ENOUGH...

...AND HAVING THE MORAL HIGH GROUND WASN'T ALWAYS THE ANSWER.

...

SO YOU'VE READ MENCIUS'S BOOK?

DO YOU HAVE A PROBLEM

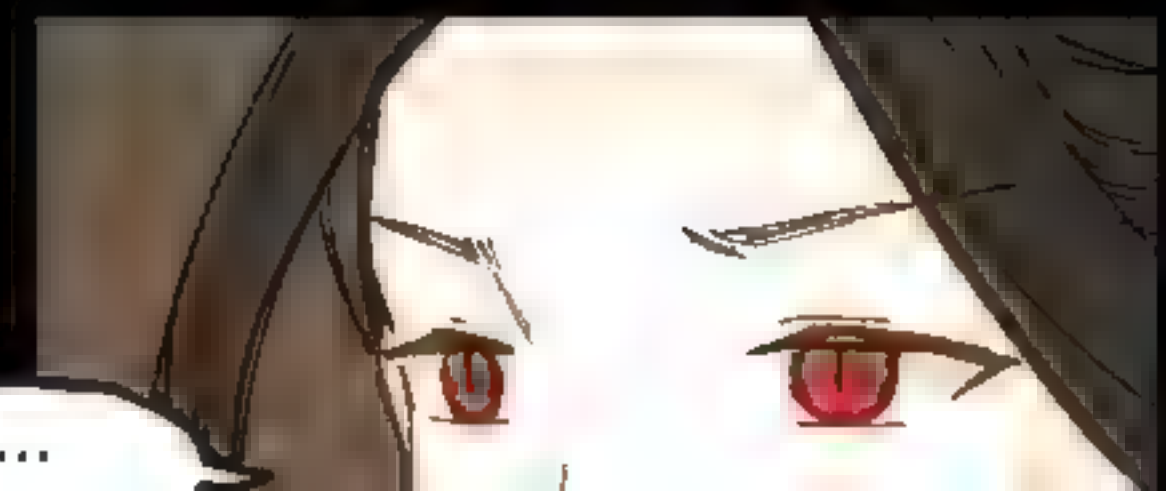
WITH ME READING SOME HUMAN BOOKS?

NO, IT'S NOT THAT...

JUST...

IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE I'VE HAD THIS kIND OF CONVERSATION,

SO I'M GLAD.



...

HEY...

WHAT'S MAKING YOU STICK AROUND BARI ALL THE TIME? WHAT DO YOU WANT?

DAMSEOL...
...

I DON'T NEED ANYTHING FROM HIM. HE'S MY FRIEND, THAT'S ALL.

BUT WHY BARI OF ALL THE OTHERS?

WHAT,
DID IT
HURT YOUR EGO
TO MAKE FRIENDS WITH
THOSE AROUND
YOU?
FLINCH

FROM WHAT I KNOW, ONLY HUMANS IN HIGHER CLASS CAN READ.

SO I FOUND IT STRANGE HOW A LOWLY SERVANT CARRIED BOOKS...

...AND TURNS OUT, IT WAS NOTHING SPECIAL.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A SHORT SUPPLY OF NOBILITIES WHO WENT BROKE...

ARE YOU HAVING A HARD TIME FITTING IN BECAUSE ONE DAY, YOU WERE A NOBLE, AND NEXT YOU'RE NOT?

...DO YOU HAVE TO SAY MEAN THINGS LIKE THAT?

WHAT DID I DO?

I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE HUMAN CAST SYSTEM OR THEIR LAWS...

...BUT I DON'T WANT TO SEE MY FRIEND HEARTBROKEN.

DO YOU THINK HE WOULD'VE WANTED TO BEFRIEND YOU...

...HAD HIS FAMILY NOT GONE DOWN?

WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

I'M SAYING THAT HE'S USING YOU.

...

CHOKE

WELL,
NOW WITH WHAT
HAPPENED...

...I'M SURE HE WON'T COME BACK...
...TO THIS MOUNTAIN EVER AGAIN.

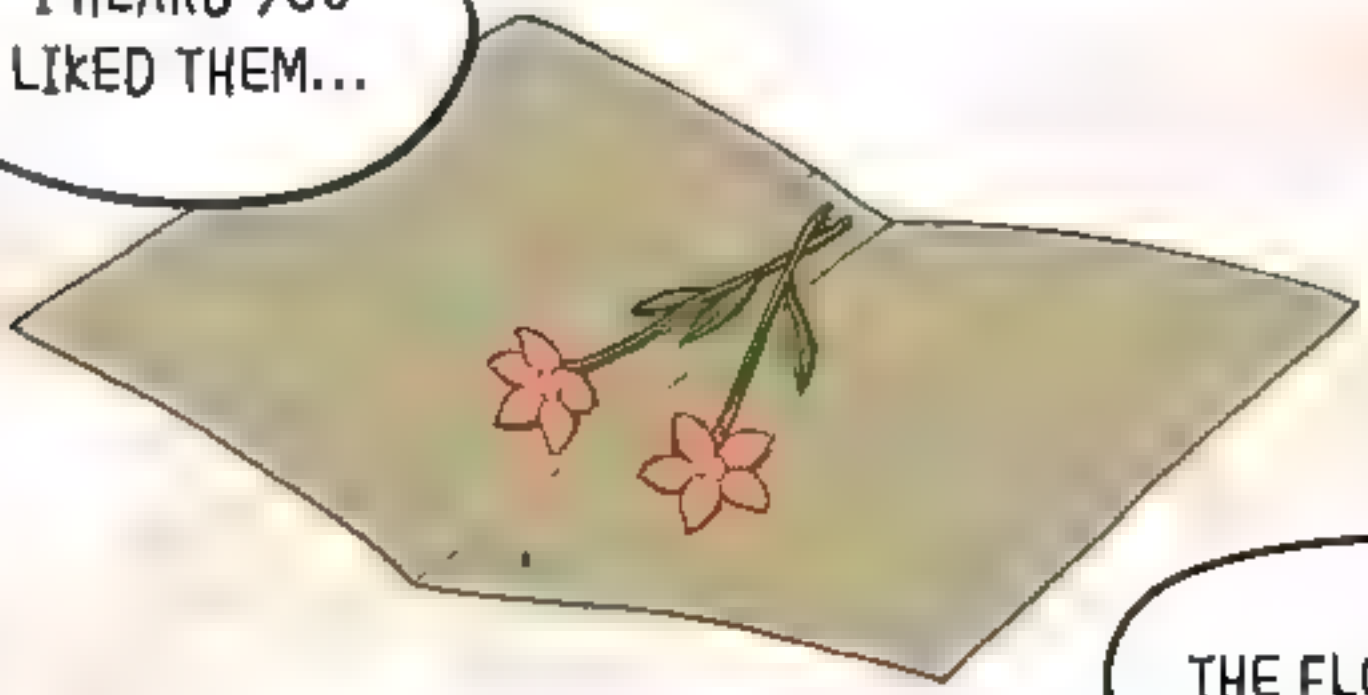
OH.
DAMSEOL.

MR. KIM!
...

WHY ARE YOU BACK AGAIN...?
OH... I'M SORRY.
I WANTED TO COME WHEN YOU WEREN'T AROUND, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE I'M NOT IN LUCK.

RIGHT,
HERE...

I HEARD YOU LIKED THEM...



THE FLOWERS.

WHO SAID

I LIKED-?

GASP

THANKS, MR. KIM!

EVERYTHING ASIDE, THOSE ARE POISONOUS.

ARE YOU TRYING TO GET YOUR REVENGE OR SOMETHING?

EEk...!

I'M SO SORRY. I DIDN'T KNOW.

BY THE WAY

BY THE WAY...

...ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID YESTERDAY.

YOU'RE RIGHT, DAMSEOL.

I CAME TO THIS MOUNTAIN AS OFTEN AS I DID BECAUSE I DIDN'T FEEL COMFORTABLE DOWN THERE.

BUT THAT'S NOT TO SAY THAT I WANT SOMETHING FROM BARI...

...OR I'M TRYING TO USE HIM.

I SIMPLY LIKE BARI BECAUSE...

...HE JUST SEES ME FOR WHO I AM, NOT AS NOBILITY OR A SERVANT.

I ALSO LIKE YOU, SINCE YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH BARI.

STILL...
...I RESPECT YOUR FEELINGS TOWARD ME.

SO I'LL BE BACK AT ANOTHER TIME.
GOODBYE.

GOSH...

HE REALLY IS
JUST LIKE YOU.

SO...

DO YOU STILL HATE HIM?

...

oops.

LOOKS LIKE...

...I'M ONCE AGAIN NOT IN LUCK.

MR. KIM, HAVE A SEAT.

UM...
OKAY.
GLANCE

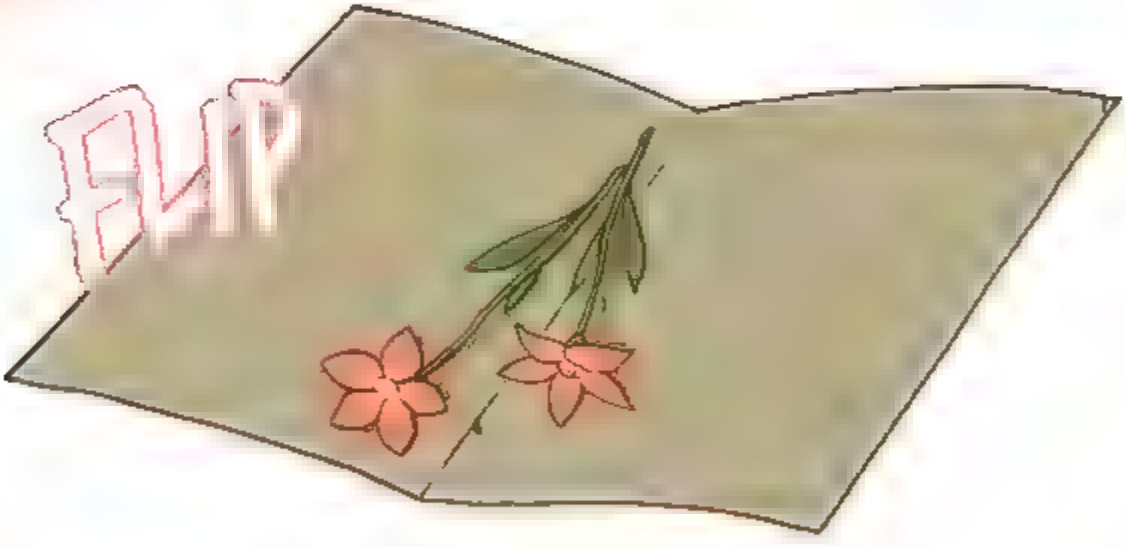
...

HERE'S YOUR SNACK OF THE DAY.

УАУ!

AND...
...THESE ARE FOR YOU, DAMSEOL.

AGAIN WITH THE USELESS GIFT...


FLIP

YOU SURE ARE PERSISTENT, AREN'T YOU?

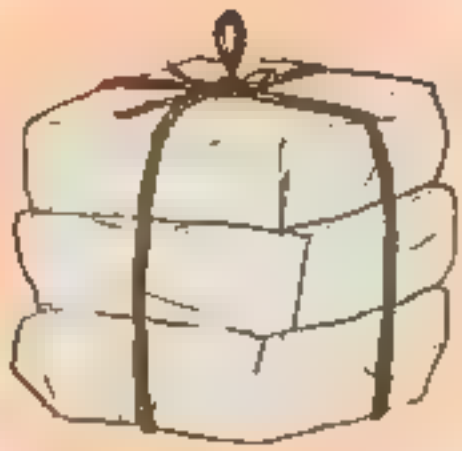
I CLEARLY TOLD YOU THESE ARE POISONOUS...

SORRY TO BREAK IT TO YOU, BUT THESE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO KILL ME.

SURPRISED

NO, NO! THAT'S NOT MY INTENTION.

THEY MAY BE POISONOUS...



...BUT I HEARD THEY'RE ALSO USED

AS MEDICINE AFTER BEING SUN-DRIED AND BOILED.

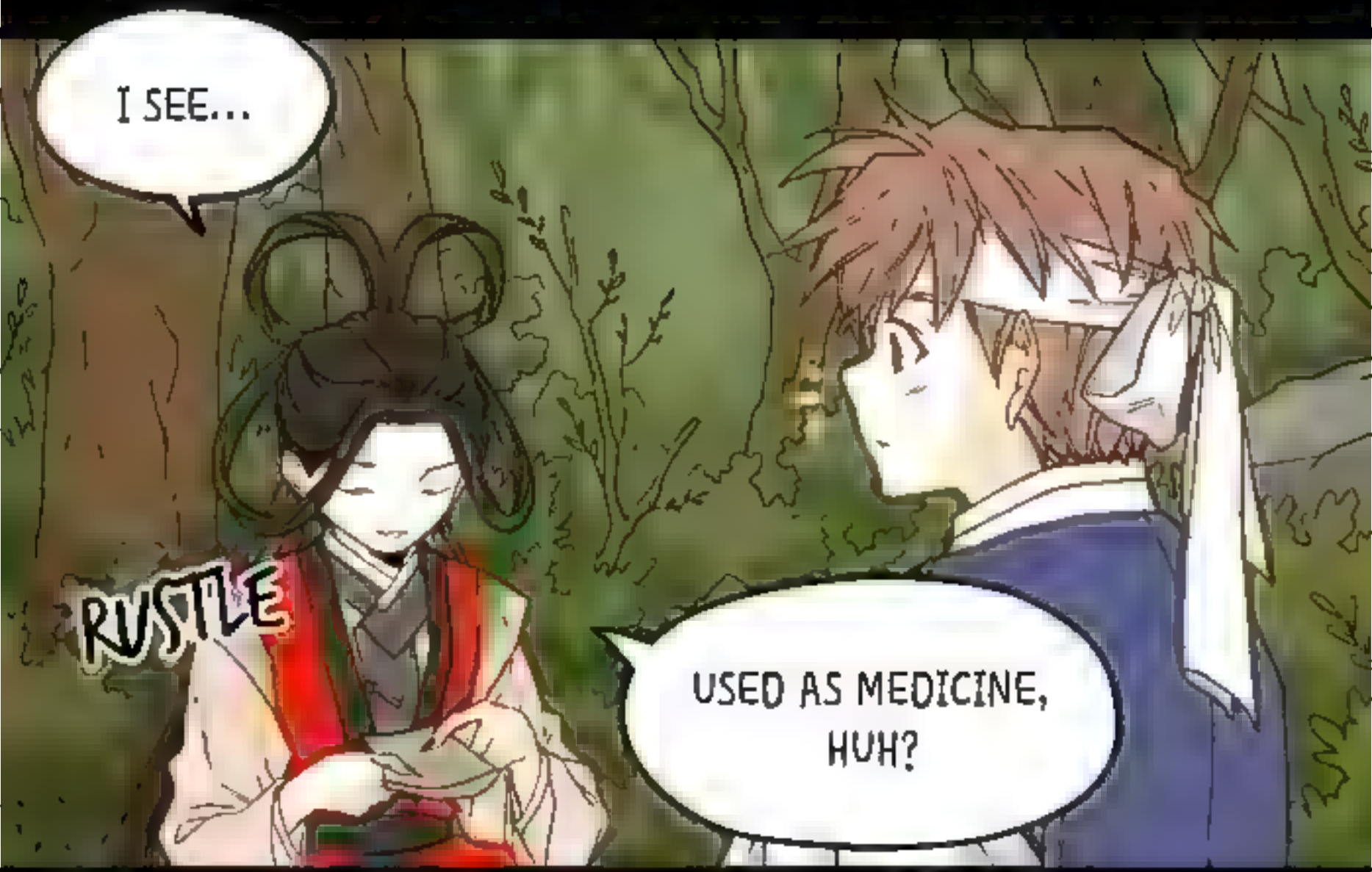
IT'S A PITY THIS FLOWER HAS A BAD REPUTATION...

...WHEN IT IS SO PRETTY AND USEFUL.

DID YOU SEARCH THROUGH SOME HERB MEDICINE BOOKS TO GET ONE UP ON ME?

PFFT

N-NO, OF COURSE NOT! IT'S JUST--


I SEE...
RUSTLE
USED AS MEDICINE, HUH?

SLIP

THE WEATHER
IS QUITE LOVELY.

DON'T YOU THINK?